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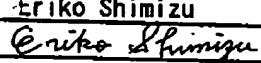
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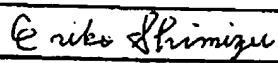
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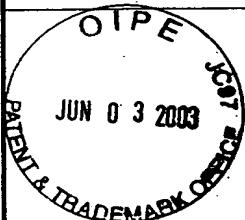
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~~PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(b)~~

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This is a request for an extension of time of _____ (days), (weeks), (months) under 37 CFR 1.136(b) in this pending application. An extension of time is not available in this application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a); however, additional time to respond may still be granted under the patent statute. No petition fee is required. The reasons for requesting the extension of time are the following:

This is a request to reset a period for reply due to late receipt of an office action (MPEP 710.06).

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The reasons for requesting the reset of time are the following:

1. Reasons

The first office action for application number 09/331, 008 that was mailed on Mar. 13. 2003 by a surface mail (mailed by ship), was received about two months late on May. 21. 2003. Consequently, could not have time to prepare remarks or amendments for the office action.

2. Details of delayed receipt of the office action

An office communication package with a hand-written note "2 of 2" (copy1) that contained the first office action for the application number 09/331, 008 was received on 05/21/2003 about two months late, because it was sent by a surface mail (mail by ship). This delay time is not unusual, because a surface mail generally needs 2 months from USA to Japan. It contained all of the office action documents and 4 copies (A, B, C, D) of 8 US Pat. references cited.

But, before the mail, another office communication package with a hand-written note "1 of 2" (copy2) was received by an airmail on 03/28/2003. However, as it contained only copies of US Pat. documents without comment, could not know what to do. (Afterwards, when received the "2 of 2" mail, it is understood that they were the remaining 4 copies (E, F, G, H) of the US Pat. references cited.)

So, the delay of receiving the office action was occurred because the "2 of 2" part of the office communication that contained the office action was sent by a surface mail instead of an airmail. The cover sheet of "2 of 2" and "1 of 2" is attached in copy3.

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